

way that the radicals R^{11} and the atoms of the cyclopentadienyl ring which connect them form a C_4 - C_{24} -ring system which may optionally be substituted,

$|$ is 5 when $v = 0$, and $|$ is 4 when $v = 1$,

m is 5 when $v = 0$, and m is 4 when $v = 1$,

L^1 may be identical or different and are each a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_{10} -hydrocarbon group, a halogen atom or OR^{16} , SR^{16} , $OSi(R^{16})_3$, $Si(R^{16})_3$, $P(R^{16})_2$ or $N(R^{16})_2$,

where R^{16} is a halogen atom, a C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl group, a halogenated C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl group, a C_6 - C_{20} -aryl group or a halogenated C_6 - C_{20} -aryl group, or L^1 is a toluenesulfonyl, trifluoroacetyl, trifluoroacetoxyl, trifluoromethanesulfonyl, nonafluorobutanesulfonyl or 2,2,2-trifluoroethanesulfonyl group,

o is an integer from 1 to 4

Z is a bridging structural element between the two cyclopentadienyl rings and

v is 0 or 1

and the at least one compound of the formula (I); and

reacting in a further step C the material obtained in step B with a second alkyl compound (B) of the formula (III).

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional of co-pending Application Ser. No. 09/798,859, filed on February 22, 2001, which claims priority to German Patent Application 10013043.7 filed March 17, 2000. By this amendment, claims 1 and 8 are being cancelled. Claims 2-7 have been amended to place them in better form and facilitate prosecution of the process claims of the parent application. Support for the amendment to claim 7 can be found at page 3, lines 19-24 of

the specification. Claim 9 is new, support for which can be found at page 38, line 23 to page 39, line 21, and the formulae (II) and (III) shown on pages 7-8 and 33 of the specification. The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors, correct the Title and Abstract, and to provide cross-reference to the related applications.

It is not believed that any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Amendment; nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge U.S. PTO Deposit Account 08-2336 in the amount of any such required fee.

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